



WESTWOOD

Norfolk County



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NARRATIVE

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Westwood is an established community of 13,000 located 12 miles southwest of Boston. Situated at the junction of Routes 95/128 and 93, Westwood provides an excellent location for its residents and its businesses. Westwood provides the further convenience of having two commuter rail lines, full MBTA bus service on Routes 1, 1A and 109 traversing the Town. Westwood is recognized for the quality of its schools. Students consistently score in the top percentiles on national tests, and the overwhelming majority of students graduating from the High School go on to higher education. The Town also encourages and maintains many recreational areas and facilities, including numerous conservation areas, playgrounds, ballfields and an indoor pool facility. The Town has two libraries, a senior center and numerous community-sponsored events for the Town's residents.

Westwood currently has 75 retail and over 130 commercial/industrial businesses located within the Town. Westwood's town services are excellent, with water from the Dedham-Westwood Water District, sewer service from the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority, electricity from Boston Edison and natural gas from Algonquin Gas. Westwood has an established industrial/office park and is actively seeking to encourage responsible, growing businesses to locate within the town while maintaining the quality of life for its residents.

(Narrative supplied by community)



GEOGRAPHY

Location

Eastern Massachusetts, bordered by Dover on the west, Needham on the north, Dedham on the east and northeast, Canton on the east, and Norwood and Walpole on the south. Westwood is 13 miles south of Boston, 37 miles east of Worcester, 85 miles east of Springfield, and 208 miles from New York City.

Total Area: 11.12 sq. miles

Land Area: 10.97 sq. miles

Population: 12,557

Density: 1,145 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Blue Hill Station)

Normal temperature in January.....25.3°F

Normal temperature in July.....71.2°F

Normal annual precipitation.....49.0"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Norwood, Newton, Medfield

Regional Planning Agency

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Boston



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (781) 326-6450

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Executive Secretary

Open Town Meeting

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1897

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%
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Total Registered 8,914

Democrats 2,606 29.2 % Republicans 1,893 21.2 % Other parties 2 0.0 % Unenrolled Voters 4,413 49.5 %

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: Westwood town, Norfolk County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	14,117	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	14,117	100.0
Male.....	6,714	47.6	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	132	0.9
Female.....	7,403	52.4	Mexican.....	23	0.2
Under 5 years.....	1,105	7.8	Puerto Rican.....	9	0.1
5 to 9 years.....	1,179	8.4	Cuban.....	18	0.1
10 to 14 years.....	1,104	7.8	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	82	0.6
15 to 19 years.....	705	5.0	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	13,985	99.1
20 to 24 years.....	318	2.3	White alone.....	13,460	95.3
25 to 34 years.....	1,166	8.3	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	2,423	17.2	Total population.....	14,117	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	2,071	14.7	In households.....	13,975	99.0
55 to 59 years.....	742	5.3	Householder.....	5,122	36.3
60 to 64 years.....	603	4.3	Spouse.....	3,435	24.3
65 to 74 years.....	1,178	8.3	Child.....	4,809	34.1
75 to 84 years.....	1,027	7.3	Own child under 18 years.....	3,773	26.7
85 years and over.....	496	3.5	Other relatives.....	404	2.9
Median age (years).....	41.0	(X)	Under 18 years.....	122	0.9
18 years and over.....	10,190	72.2	Nonrelatives.....	205	1.5
Male.....	4,696	33.3	Unmarried partner.....	81	0.6
Female.....	5,494	38.9	In group quarters.....	142	1.0
21 years and over.....	9,955	70.5	Institutionalized population.....	141	1.0
62 years and over.....	3,060	21.7	Noninstitutionalized population.....	1	-
65 years and over.....	2,701	19.1	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	1,096	7.8	Total households.....	5,122	100.0
Female.....	1,605	11.4	Family households (families).....	3,866	75.5
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	1,872	36.5
One race.....	14,005	99.2	Married-couple family.....	3,435	67.1
White.....	13,549	96.0	With own children under 18 years.....	1,726	33.7
Black or African American.....	70	0.5	Female householder, no husband present.....	334	6.5
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	6	-	With own children under 18 years.....	127	2.5
Asian.....	350	2.5	Nonfamily households.....	1,256	24.5
Asian Indian.....	74	0.5	Householder living alone.....	1,150	22.5
Chinese.....	144	1.0	Householder 65 years and over.....	839	16.4
Filipino.....	15	0.1	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	1,942	37.9
Japanese.....	11	0.1	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	1,926	37.6
Korean.....	59	0.4	Average household size.....	2.73	(X)
Vietnamese.....	14	0.1	Average family size.....	3.24	(X)
Other Asian ¹	33	0.2	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	-	-	Total housing units.....	5,251	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	-	-	Occupied housing units.....	5,122	97.5
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	-	-	Vacant housing units.....	129	2.5
Samoa.....	-	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander ²	-	-	occasional use.....	33	0.6
Some other race.....	30	0.2	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.5	(X)
Two or more races.....	112	0.8	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	2.6	(X)
<i>Race alone or in combination with one</i>			HOUSING TENURE		
<i>or more other races:</i> ³			Occupied housing units.....	5,122	100.0
White.....	13,651	96.7	Owner-occupied housing units.....	4,568	89.2
Black or African American.....	99	0.7	Renter-occupied housing units.....	554	10.8
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	37	0.3	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.86	(X)
Asian.....	400	2.8	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	1.67	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	1	-			
Some other race.....	45	0.3			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State: 0

Conventional Federal: 0

Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP: 0

Federal (Section 8): 0



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Westwood is situated in the Greater Boston Area, which has excellent rail, air, and highway facilities. State Route 128 and Interstate Route 495 divide the region into inner and outer zones, which are connected by numerous "spokes" providing direct access to the airport, port, and intermodal facilities of Boston.

Major Highways

Principal highways are State Routes 109 and 128, the inner belt around Boston, and U.S. Route 1.

Rail

Commuter rail service to South Station and Back Bay Station, Boston, is available on the Franklin line from Islington and on the South Attleboro line from Route 128. Travel time from Route 128 to BBS: 12-20 minutes; 803 MBTA parking spaces. Travel time from Islington: 24-25 minutes; 60 spaces. Amtrak's passenger service between Boston and New York City stops at the Route 128 Station in Westwood.

Bus

Westwood is a member of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA), which provides fixed route service between Walpole and Forest Hills Station. Brush Hill Transportation provides rush hour service to Boston M-F.

Other

The Norwood Memorial Airport, a Reliever (RL) facility, is easily accessible. It has 2 asphalt runways 4,001'x 150' and 4,007'x 150'. Instrument approaches available: Non-precision.



CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

(American Association of Museums)

None

RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

Ami Westwood Lodge Hospital

Long Term Care

Clark House Nursing Center @ Fox Hill

Hospices

None

Rest Homes

None

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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